

Remarks/Arguments

Allowable Subject Matter

5 **Examiner:**

Claims 4 and 5 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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Response:

The Applicant acknowledges and appreciates the allowance of claims 4 and 5. Therefore, without disclaimer of any kind as to the merits of claims as originally filed, the limitations of claim 4 have been incorporated into claim 1 and the amended claim 1 is now believed to be allowable.

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Claim Rejections

Examiner:

20 Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the admitted prior art (APA) in view of Bynum (US 4,495,536). Claims 2,3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the admitted prior art (APA) in view of Bynum, and further in view of Fujihira et al. (US 5,621,601).

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Response:

As previously stated, claim 1 has been amended and is now believed by the Applicant to be allowable. Additionally, claim 4 has been cancelled and claim 5 has been slightly amended to now depend upon claim 1. No new material has been introduced. Therefore, reconsideration and allowance

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of claims 1-3 and 5 is respectfully requested.

Introduction of New Claim 6

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Please amend the present application to include newly introduced claim 6. Support for claim 6 can be found in the original claims 1 and 4 and in Figs.2-3. No new material has been introduced.

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Priority Certification

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The Examiner has noted in the "Detailed Action" section of this Office Action that certified copies of the documents required by 35 U.S.C. 119(b) regarding the applicant's claim for foreign priority had not been received by the USPTO.

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The applicant fails to understand the reason for the non-receipt of the required certified copy. Office records indicate that the required certified copy was sent in a timely manner to the USPTO on 02/07/2002, approximately a week after the filing date of this application. Following the signature to this response is an attachment including a copy of the office docket with the pertinent date circled, a copy of the signed and dated Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/21), a copy of the completed Declaration - Supplemental Priority Data Sheet (PTO/SB/02B), and a copy of the required certified copy of the prior foreign application.

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In an effort to insure full compliance with 35 U.S.C. 119(b), the applicant has obtained a second certified copy

of the same prior foreign application from the Taiwan Patent Office and will forward the second certified copy to the USPTO with this response.

5 The applicant respectfully requests notification that the second certified copy of the prior foreign application has been received by the USPTO during the pendency of this application.

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Sincerely,

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: Transmittal Form

: Declaration

: Copy of certified priority document

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